

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know the length of the road and the estimated cost is Rs. 1,02,000.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Since how long is this road pending?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Since 1954.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that tenders were called for and nearly four contractors have offered tenders?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is a fact that tenders were called for but the Law Department opined that the calling of tenders was not proper.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—What prompted the Government to issue a stay order?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Because originally the contract was given to three people who had worked on the same road on a contract basis and work order was given. In order to keep up the usual practice with the P.W.D., when the work was entrusted to them through the district board, they called for tenders again with the result that the other people who were given the contract before, filed objections with the Government. We asked for the legal opinion and the opinion is that calling for tenders for a second time was improper.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—May I know from the Government how many villages are affected?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I am not aware of the exact number.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—May I know when the Government is going to settle the dispute?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—We will take a decision early.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Originally the road costing about Rs. 1 lakh and odd was entrusted to three people not on a tender basis because they gave an application that they would bear 1/3 of the expenditure which the people had to bear. On that condition the work was given in 1950. Subsequently they did not do the work. Later on it was entrusted to the P.W.D. for execution and the Public Works Department had to observe certain rules under the P.W.D. Code. Accordingly tenders were called for and the old contractors

to whom the work had been entrusted put in objections. The question was legally examined and the Law Department is of the opinion that calling for tenders may not be proper till the claim is settled. That is the reason why the matter is being delayed. It is receiving the attention of the Government and it will be settled soon.

Supply of Electricity to Coastal Places in North Kanara District.

*Q.—238. **Sri S. D. GAONKAR** (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when electricity will be made available to all the coastal places in North Kanara District;

(b) whether any survey has been made in this behalf;

(c) whether it is a fact that survey on the Kali project is going on and if so what is the present progress and when the same is likely to be completed;

(d) whether any steps are contemplated to survey the Unchalli and Magod falls in Siddapur and Yellapur Taluks of North Kanara District?

A.—**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA** (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Estimates for supplying electricity to major coastal towns, viz., Honnavar, Kumta, Gokarn, Ankola and Karwar have been sanctioned by the State Electricity Board. Work is being put on hand and will be completed as early as possible. Supply of power to other places along the coast will be taken up as and when further schemes are sanctioned after being found to be feasible.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, preliminary reconnaissance for the selection of dam sites, power houses, etc., has been done. The detailed surveys are expected to be completed in about a year's time.

(d) No.

Sri S. D. GAONKAR.—With reference to answer (a), may I know whether any time limit has been fixed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is very difficult to fix any time-limit because the supply of electricity depends on so many things. Although we sanction the estimate, the people of the town or the municipality have to bear their portion of work. It is only then that the Government can draw the electric lines. Now high tension wires will have to be drawn if the Municipality were to do its part of work. Anyway, I am certain that people in Honnavar, Kumta, Ankola and Karwar are all anxious and they are going to take power. Very much depends upon them and if the Hon'ble Member were to kindly see that the people there do their part of work, the Electricity Board will certainly expedite the work.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it a fact that Bhatkal is going to be supplied with electricity from the next month and that the Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Electricity is to perform the 'Switch' on Ceremony next month?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is likely that electricity service might be given by the end of next month and probably on the 30th April 1960 it is likely to take place.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—May I know from the Hon'ble Minister as to when preliminary surveys were ordered by the Government?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Government ordered preliminary surveys to be taken up about a month and a half ago.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—May I know when these preliminary surveys are going to be completed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It will take at least a year.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY.—May I know whether this proposal is feasible or remunerative?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Whether it is feasible or remunerative or what priority is to be given—all this will be known only after a complete survey is made.

Sri S. D. KOTHAVALA.—Was there any proposal to entrust the Kalinadi project to a private agency?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There is no proposal. There is a suggestion that one of the stages of Kalinadi project may be entrusted to a private company so that they may produce power and an aluminium industry may be started.

Sri S. D. KOTHAVALA.—Is it not a fact that the Bombay Government examined it and found it very feasible and it is as good as Sharavathy?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Detailed surveys of Kali Project were not made. From a study of preliminary factors, it looks to be as good if not better than Sharavathy. Anyway, Kalinadi nadi Project is going to be one of the next best projects in the Mysore State.

Sri S. D. GAONKAR.—May I know whether this scheme will be included in the Third Five Year Plan?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is with that object that we are pushing through the survey work. After survey, the Government intend to include it in the Third-Five Year Plan.

Drinking Water Wells in Bellary District.

*Q.—259. **Sri M. M. PATIL** (Hadagalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the Villages that have not been provided with drinking water wells in Bellary District (Talukwise details may be furnished);

(b) the progress so far achieved in respect of wells already sanctioned (Talukwise details regarding their completion may be furnished);

A.—**Sri T. SUBRAMANYA** (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Vide statement 'A' given below.

(b) Vide statement 'B' given below.